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PROTECTING THE NATION

Oklahoma's Defense Industry



Oklahoma has been a key player in the defense and homeland security industry since World War II. With the largest DOD air depot, a central location and strong military presence, Oklahoma offers defense companies the expertise and strategic advantage necessary for success.

1,100+

Aerospace Entities

More than 1,100 aerospace entities including manufacturers, MRO, research and development, military and others.

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Lowest Cost of Doing Business

CNBC America's Best
States for Business, 2022

7,000+

square miles of UAS test sites

Army's preferred partner for
UAS and Counter-UAS Research,
Development, Test & Evaluation



Military Installations

Oklahoma has 5 major military installations that employ 70,000

1 - Altus Air Force Base

The 97th Air Mobility Wing has served as a multi-engine flight training school for 77 years. With more than 300 flying each year and a generally flat landscape with few obstructions, the wing is the ideal location to carry out its mission.

2 - Fort Sill

Home of the Army's Fires Center of Excellence, the foundation of the Army's artillery and air & missile defense. Future home of the Army's Counter-Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Academy set to open in FY 24.

3 - McAlester Army Ammunition Plant

More than 1,400 employees, under the Joint Munitions Command, manufacture, house and manage conventional ammunition and its individual components.

4 - Tinker Air Force Base

Home to the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, the largest of 3 ALCs in the Air Force Materiel Command, Tinker AFB provides depot maintenance, product support, services and supply chain management, as well as information support for 31 weapon systems, 10 commands, 93 Air Force bases and 46 foreign nations.

5 - Vance Air Force Base

Conducts undergraduate pilot training for qualified U.S. military and international officers

National Guard assets

2 Air National Guard bases and 5 Army National Guard installations



\$19 Billion in Economic Activity
from military aviation alone, impacting 72,000+ workers

FISTA Innovation Park

Located in Lawton, Okla. just minutes from Fort Sill, the Fires Innovation Science & Technology Accelerator (FISTA) is a high-security acceleration hub for the nation's top defense contractors, academic institutions and innovators. With an on-site STEM lab, the FISTA offers space for collaboration, experimentation and execution with feedback and testing from the nation's most comprehensive base of soldiers, training, and development.



Top Defense Contractors Operating in Oklahoma

- Aviation Training Consulting, LLC
- BAE Systems
- Berry Aviation
- Boeing
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- Delaware Resource Group
- Dynetics
- FlightSafety
- GE
- Kratos Defense
- L3Harris
- Lockheed Martin
- Moog Inc.
- Northrup Grumman
- Pratt & Whitney
- Raytheon Technologies
- SAIC
- Vertex



- ★ Military installations
- 🚀 Spaceport
- 🗼 FAA Center
- ⚡ National Weather Service
- ✈ International Airports

Incentive Programs

Oklahoma has some of the lowest tax rates and some of the best tax incentives in the nation. With some incentives, businesses can choose between a cash incentive or a tax credit package, and in some cases, qualifying businesses can take advantage of both programs. The following are incentives often utilized by defense companies:

Quality Jobs Program

Cash payments of up to 5% of new payrolls for up to 10 years; higher benefit payout if payroll of new jobs is 10% or more veterans

Engineer Workforce Tax Credit for Aerospace

Tax credits for employers and employees

Software/Cybersecurity Workforce Tax Credit

Tax credit up to \$2,000 annually for qualifying employees

Business Expansion Incentive Program

Annual cash payments to help existing companies expand in Oklahoma by targeting major capital investments in depreciable items like equipment and buildings

Investment/New Jobs Package

Provides growing manufacturers a tax credit based on either an investment in depreciable property or the addition of full-time employees

Tax Incentives for Manufacturers

Oklahoma provides qualifying manufacturing companies a comprehensive tax exemption package, including inventory tax exemptions, property tax exemptions, and sales tax exemptions on purchases of materials, machines and equipment, and energy used in manufacturing.



Veterans & Federal Agencies

Affordable places for Veterans (OKC #6, Tulsa #9), Veterans United Home Loans, Feb. 2020.

Veterans account for 9% of Oklahoma's population.

Oklahoma has a significant presence of Federal Agencies including the FAA and training for the US Postal Service.

United Nations fighter pilots from around the world visit Oklahoma for critical training with NATO allies.

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